


Friday Round Up

This email has been sent to all Clergy, PTOs, Churchwardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and all those on our Friday email list.

News



College to elect new bishop ends with no decision

The next Bishop of Swansea and Brecon Diocese will be chosen by the Bishops after the Church's Electoral College ended today (Friday) without a result.

No candidate was able to secure the necessary two-thirds majority vote of the College during its full three-day meeting at St Mary's Church in Swansea.

The decision will now be taken by the Bench of Bishops in due course.

The President of the Electoral College, Bishop Andy John, said the appointment would be high on the Bishops' agenda.

He said, “Whenever we have engagements like this and there is rigorous debate and close engagement, a decision is a very difficult thing to achieve. As the College hasn’t come to one mind, it has asked the Bench of Bishops to take responsibility for the next appointment. So that is now very high on our agenda. We will be consulting together, both with the diocese and amongst ourselves, in the hope we can provide for the diocese someone who can take it forward. I am really confident that we will be able to do that soon.”

Read more [here](#).

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Guidance

Update: 3 September 2021

Following the recent announcement by the Welsh Government concerning face masks at weddings, we have amended our guidance accordingly:

- [Covid 19 Guidance Marriages and Funerals Alert Level 0 3SEPT20 \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Covid 19 Churches Risk Assessment Guidance Alert Level 0 - 3SEPT20 \(PDF\)](#)
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Governing Body Meeting – September 6-8

Same-sex couples will be able to have their civil partnership or marriage blessed in Church in Wales churches for the first time if new legislation is passed next week.

A Bill to authorise a service of blessing will be considered by members of the Church’s Governing Body at its meeting on September 6.

It proposes that the service be used experimentally for five years and that it will be up to individual clergy to decide whether or not they wish to lead it.

The service is for a blessing only as same-sex couples are unable to marry in church.

The Bill is being introduced by the Bishops, following an indication from Governing Body members that it was now “pastorally unsustainable” for the Church to make no formal provision for those in committed same-sex relationships.

In the [Explanatory Memorandum](#) they say, “Approval of this rite would be stating that the Church in Wales accepts that the loving and faithful commitment of two persons of the same sex, aspiring to life-long fidelity and mutual comfort, and who have made a commitment in civil partnership or marriage, is worthy of acceptance by the Church by asking God’s blessing upon their commitment.”

While recognising that the Bill is controversial, they describe it as a “step on the way towards repentance of a history in the Church which has demonised and persecuted gay and lesbian people, forcing them into fear, dishonesty and sometimes even hypocrisy, and which has precluded them from living publicly and honestly lives of committed partnership.”

The bishops are urging Governing Body members to debate the Bill in a respectful and dignified way, acknowledging that it will raise difficult issues of faith and belief. They have issued a set of [‘Pastoral Principles’](#) intended to guide people towards thoughtful and considerate discussions.

Introducing them they say, “There can be no room for seeking to undermine sincerely held views. Neither should we seek to walk away from each other. Our union in Christ is at the heart of our life and the bonds and character of our baptism hold us together; sharing a commitment to each other as together we seek the Kingdom of God. We hope these materials will stimulate this quality of engagement.”

The Bill will be voted on in all three orders of the Governing Body - the Bishops, the clergy and the laity. It will need to achieve a two-thirds majority in each order for it to be passed.

The discussion and vote will be held on the first day of the Governing Body meeting which takes place on September 6 at the [International Convention Centre Wales](#) in Newport and will be live-streamed via a link on the Church in Wales website and Youtube channel. The second day of the meeting will take place online only, via Zoom, on Wednesday, September 8 and will also be live-streamed.

Other items on the agenda include:

- An address by the President, the Bishop of Bangor Andy John
- An update on the Church’s progress to its carbon zero target
- A plenary discussion on how the Church should emerge from Covid-19
- A presentation on resources for ‘life events’, such as christenings, weddings and funerals, with Canon Dr Sandra Millar, head of life events for the Church of England
- An update on plans for a Year of Biblical Literacy in 2022

The meeting will be live-streamed via a link on the [Church in Wales website](#) and [YouTube channel](#)

Please keep all the members of Governing Body in your prayers.

Training and Events

Open Doors - Newport Cathedral



Visit Newport Cathedral on the 11th of September as part of the Cadw Open Doors event. The Cathedral will be open 10am - 4pm with a free concert at midday and a talk about the history of the magnificent Norman building.

Refreshments will be available and the shop will be open.

Find out more [here](#).

RSCM International Chorister Day Event

Sunday 19th September, Newport Cathedral, 2-6pm

The Royal School of Church Music is organising "International Chorister Day" as a way of celebrating the opportunities that being a chorister provides.

The official event for SE Wales will be at Newport Cathedral: come and "be a chorister for an afternoon"!

An afternoon of singing, musical activities and games and refreshments, ending with a service (which parents are welcome to attend)

Start time - 2pm

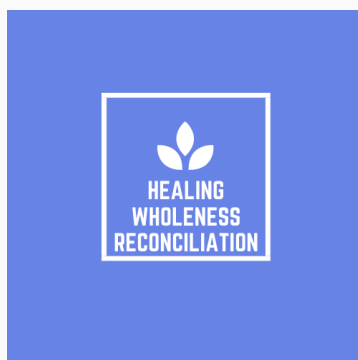
Closing act of worship - 5pm

Contact for more details - Emma Gibbins 07952 514117 / emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

You can register for a place here:

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/courses/icd-wales/>

Diocesan Healing Service



We're pleased to announce the next Diocesan Healing Services on **Wednesday 22nd September at 7.30pm.**

This service will be led by Bishop Cherry and Rev. James Henley with Bishop Cherry delivering the sermon. Healing and Reconciliation lie at the heart of our Christian faith and we invite you to join us in drawing nearer to Christ and opening ourselves to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-healing-service-registration-169638245559>

Calling Conversations

The next session is about Vocations in the Workplace and is on the 28th of September. Join the session [here](#).

– DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH –

CALLING CONVERSATIONS

VOCATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE

OUR PANEL

- ❖ DARREN MILLAR MS – MEMBER OF THE WELSH PARLIAMENT FOR CLWYD WEST
- ❖ IAN LOYND – HEADTEACHER OF ST TEILO'S CHURCH IN WALES HIGH SCHOOL
- ❖ PENNY HEARD – OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHVELD ANGLICAN BOARD OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

• LIVE ON FACEBOOK • TUESDAY 28TH SEPT AT 7PM •

God is Calling

Diocese of Monmouth - Eboracensis Wynnes



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS



Safeguarding training Module B sessions will resume week beginning the 18th October 2021

Further information about dates, times and booking will follow in due course

(Please note Module A Safeguarding Awareness is still available through the Church in Wales Website)

For further information please contact SarahRobinson@cinw.org.uk

The Church in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that all church members are cared for and protected.

Email SarahRobinson@churchinwales.org.uk for more details.

Certificate in Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice

Gloucestershire Spiritual Direction Trust is inviting interest from spiritual directors, clergy and pastoral workers in the surrounding area for an exciting programme of learning newly available in this area starting in November 2021. The venue in Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire, has good road (M4 & M5) and rail links with Bristol at Yate railway station.

Module 1: 3 days 29 Nov - 1 Dec 2021	Introduction to Pastoral Supervision & Reflective Practice
Module 2: 3 days 7 – 9 Feb 2022	Behind the Words – beneath the surface: theoretical Frameworks and Practice
Module 3: 3 days 4 – 6 April 2022	Integrating Learning and Practice

The certificate is validated by The Institute of Pastoral Supervision & Reflective Practice (<https://www.ipsrp.org.uk/>) and comprises 3 modules delivered face to face over a 6 month period:

Individual practical learning is achieved through offering supervision to at least two supervisees or a group during the course.

The course will be led by two experienced tutors in this field, Fr Tony Nolan and Revd. Bob Whorton

The combined course fee for the modules and practical supervision will be £1098.00. A number of bursaries are available to successful applicants for up to 50% of course fees.

INTERESTED? Contact Chris Mason on 07749 903 658 or revd.chris.mason@gmail.com for further information and/or an application form. The deadline for receiving completed applications is Friday 17th September 2021

Services and Resources

Join a Service from the Cathedral on Sunday at 10:30am [here](#).

Sight Loss Sunday



20% of your community will experience sight loss in their lifetime.

Sunday 17th October

Take part in Sight Loss Sunday and equip blind & partially sighted people to contribute to church life.

Free resources available from sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday from TORCH TRUST

Sight Loss Friendly Church

The poster features a blue silhouette of a church with a cross on top. Below the church, there are silhouettes of people, some with canes, walking. The text is in bold black and yellow boxes. The Torch Trust logo is in the bottom right corner.

Find out more at sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/slsunday

Kneelers Available!



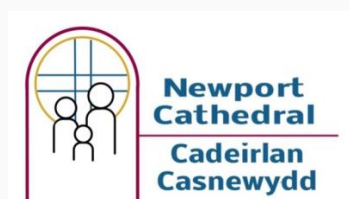
St Grwst's Church in Llanrwst in the Diocese of St Asaph completed a major £1.2m restoration and reordering project last year, part of which involved removing the pews and replacing them with chairs.

Previously they had had kneelers in church, which feature tapestry designs of the six Welsh diocese, and they have 22 Diocese of Monmouth kneelers left which we are looking for a home for.

If you would be interested please contact Jon Richmond

- saintgrwstchurch@gmail.com / 07936 973476

Vacancies



Canon Residentiary

The Dean in consultation with the Bishop wishes to appoint a full-time Residentiary Canon for Newport Cathedral.

This is an exciting time to join Newport Cathedral as a new team is being formed.

The role is both pastor and missionary: to develop the life and faith of the congregation as well as look beyond to draw in new people and broaden the demographic balance. This will also

involve nurturing a rich combination of the existing and new styles of worship that will underpin the Cathedral's life and witness.

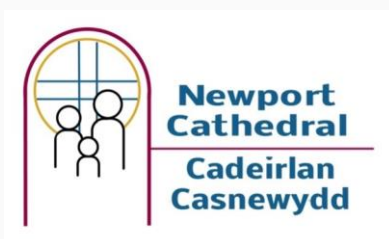
We are looking for a mission-minded, open, relational and engaging person, someone who can think beyond the established, while working within it.

Newport is the gateway to South Wales with excellent road and rail links.

Closing date for applications is 12noon Friday 24th September 2021.

Interviews over Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October 2021 (both days).

For further details and application form: www.newportcathedral.org.uk/vacancies



Verger and Sacristan (full-time)

Applications are invited for the Cathedral Verger and Sacristan. This is a key position in the functioning of the Cathedral. The verger holds the space and is an ambassador to all who come.

Salary package: 23,000 plus 10% to the approved pension scheme.

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Closing date for applications is 12noon Friday 8th October 2021.

Application is by submitting the completed application form which includes a confidential declaration – a CV substitute is not sufficient. In addition please write a letter of application stating how you meet the requirements of the post.

Completed applications by email to deanofnewport@churchinwales.org.uk by 12noon on 8th October 2021.

Interviews will be on Friday 5th November 2021.

Further details and application form can be downloaded [here](#).



Diocese of Llandaff Church Buildings Officer

As first point of contact in the Church Buildings team you'll be working with a variety of people with different needs and you'll be someone who thrives on helping others develop their ideas and achieve their plans. We're developing our work around environmental issues and achieving carbon net-zero so you'll be involved with projects centred around Eco-church, churchyards and energy audits.

You'll be working with churches to encourage them to be open to visitors and the local community, and if you enjoy using social media there'll be opportunities for you to promote the beautiful buildings.

You will need to be good at admin as you'll be running the systems for church inspections, energy audits and online faculty applications (training will be given in specific systems) and you'll be someone who's at ease using MS Office suite and Zoom.

This is a full-time permanent post 37.5 hours per week (with occasional need to attend evening or weekend events). Currently mainly working from home. Going forward likely to be working on a hybrid model of home/office working.

Salary: £25,800 per annum

Find out more [here](#).